

## Noam Chomsky lectures at UMass Lowell



Professor Chomsky lectures in O'Leary 222.

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Last Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, Noam Chomsky, noted linguist and MIT professor, spoke to a standing room only crowd in O'Leary 222.

The atmosphere was more festive than anything else as Chomsky entered to a rousing ovation from the crowd. He spoke for nearly two hours, touching on many issues including the War in Iraq and the Bush administration's policies. The majority of his time was spent answering questions posed to him by members of the audience.

The questions generally focused on the Bush administration's foreign and domestic

policies and how they affect Americans.

Chomsky said that the "U.S. wants to keep a line of share in the largest oil producing region and have its military base there." He further talked about how United States would use force if it has to, to remain a world leader, and its unpopular foreign policies. He reiterated his point by stating, "The most extreme violation to the U.N. is vetoing the resolutions, and who does it the most...U.S."

Students asked if the relationship could be repaired and if the U.N. had any real relevance considering that the U.S. is often at odds with the U.N. and sometimes opposes U.N. mandates. Chomsky looked to the past for the answer noting that the U.S. has always done what it wants and the U.N. would go along because of Cold War fears. "Do what I say or you're out...that is how the mafia is run," Chomsky said, comparing the U.S. to a

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## Coburn flood threatens History Department



Water damage in Coburn Hall.

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Sarah Hodgdon  
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On September 23<sup>rd</sup> many parts of Coburn Hall flooded as a result of the massive amount of rain, leaving behind discolored tiles, mildew, and concerned

students and faculty.

Students of Dr. Liana Cheney, a history professor, were bewildered as sheets of water began to pour into the classroom through walls and the ceiling of Coburn 300. "At first I thought it was just coming through the windows, so I began mopping. Then it looked as if the rain was coming through the floor," said student Mary Beth LaRivee, senior slide curator.

Similar situations were reported in classrooms directly below room 300 and in many staff offices. A group of students helped Cheney move furniture and mop up the water. Even after the afternoon cleanup, an Art History night student mopped up more water in the evening. "The students are the ones who are concerned and are doing the clean-

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## New floor and bus stop not funded by students



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The bus stop on UML South was reconstructed, after being constructed a year ago.

Jenn McDowell  
Connector Staff

The new floor in Cumnock Hall and the recent reconstruction of the bus stop on South Campus have many students asking where the money for the repairs is coming from.

Upwards of \$50 million has been deducted in total from the budgets of all

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## UML ROTC honors veterans

Nicole Renaud  
Connector Contributor

On Friday, September 19, many students who passed by Cumnock Hall in the morning probably noticed members of UMass Lowell's Air Force ROTC cadets standing out in the rain by the flag-pole.

September 19 marked National POW/MIA Recognition Day. The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 345, at UMass Lowell honored the fifty-two veterans still listed as Prisoners of War/Missing in Action from Massachusetts and New Hampshire on the stormy morning.

The weather helped set the tone for the serious, somber mood of the event. Richard Forristall, Major, USAF commented, "While we suffered through the sub par weather, it helped us to focus on why we were there to honor and pay tribute to those POW/MIAs who endured years of extreme confinement and torture for their country's cause."



Image courtesy of UML ROTC

A flag of this image flies over UML at Cumnock.

In remembrance of the veterans' and their families' sacrifices, they were honored during a five-hour vigil where the U.S. flag and the POW/MIA flag were flown at half-staff, and a guard was posted as a symbolic gesture to protect the flag until the veterans' safe return.

At 7 a.m., a reveille was played as the cadet color guard raised the two flags in a touching ceremony. See ROTC, page 2

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# Veterans honored on National POW/MIA recognition day



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UMass Lowell ROTC honor POW/MIAs on UML North

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emony. Once the POW/MIA flag was flown, cadets in full service dress guarded it, the guard changing once an hour on the hour. The cadets who volunteered for this event stood in one posi-

tion, parade rest, for the duration of their hour. Due to the inclement weather, the vigil was cut short at noon instead of going until 8 PM as originally planned. The vigil was ended by a group salute to the flag.

This is the first year that the ROTC detachment has honored the National POW/MIA Recognition Day but expect to see the vigil done again next year. Ray Erickson, Captain, USAF remarked, "It was a touching event that honored some of our local fallen heroes. It is really important that students and the local community understand and recognize the significance of what they and their families sacrificed."

The ROTC urged students that when they see the guarded POW/MIA flag flying at half-staff next year, they should be sure to take a red ribbon to wear to honor this country's Prisoner's of War and Missing in Action.

## Counterfeit money makes bank at Broadway and Wilder

Robert Henderson  
Connector Editor

On September 11<sup>th</sup> an unidentified individual passed off a counterfeit \$100 bill at the Broadway and Wilder Café located in McGauvran Hall.

The fake bill was detected after the café's daily take had been deposited at Fleet Bank. As Fleet inspected the money they found the counterfeit bill and notified Aramark immediately.

The false bill was traced back to the new Broadway and Wilder Café in McGauvran Hall. According to Michelle Blass, a supervisor who was working that day, the illegal tender was used sometime "late morning, early lunch." However, the sheer volume of customers at the café makes

this information of little help in finding a suspect. The University Police have been notified and are currently investigating the matter. While this has raised concern with members of the Aramark staff, they have been taking steps to prevent further incidents. As students may have noticed, the concessionaire has posted signs stating that they will not accept any bill with a value over twenty dollars. Chris Monti, the Director of Dinning Services has said that they "will take any [amount] but the manager must approve." He also went on to say that the signs are only part of a temporary order.

If anyone has any information regarding who passed the counterfeit money, he or she should contact the University Police at x2398.

## Health services offers vaccinations

Michael Griffin  
Connector Contributor

Health Services organized a Meningitis vaccination clinic for UMass Lowell students on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The clinic, which ran from 1-7 p.m. in the Fox Hall multipurpose room, was held in hopes of reducing the risk of an outbreak on campus.

Katherine Downes of Maxim Health Services was the nurse who administered vaccinations, and she described Meningitis as a fast moving bacterial infection that can be deadly if undetected. UML is one of many campuses on Downes' agenda this week. Vaccinations are not done annually at UML, but due to the rising number of cases in the area, UML and other local colleges are taking this extra step in prevention.

Meningitis, an infection of the spinal cord fluid and the fluid that surrounds the brain, has two forms. The viral form, which is less severe, usually doesn't require treatment. The bacterial form, however, is a serious threat. The infection can be spread through exchange of respiratory and/or throat secretions, but not through casual contact. However, college students living in close quarters are at an increased risk, especially since they may

not recognize the symptoms.

Meningitis is an infection that can creep up on you, said Downes, who described the symptoms to be alarmingly flu-like. "Most people assume that in fact it is the flu, and therefore wait it out," said Downes. However, waiting out meningitis can be deadly. The infection grows stronger with time, and can kill a healthy young adult in forty-eight hours or less. In fact, the odds are that one in five people who are infected with meningococcal disease, which is the actual result of infection, will die. Infected persons could also suffer permanent disabilities such as amputation of limbs, brain damage, or deafness.

Nancy Quattrocchi, the director of University Health Services, said that college freshmen are six times more likely to be infected with Meningitis than the average person, as a result of living with different groups of people from other areas. It is still a pretty uncommon disease she said, pointing out that in the United States there are about 2000 cases a year, 200 of which are college students. The only reported case at UML was in 1998, the same year the university participated in a study of the disease with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Since most health insurance carriers in Massachusetts do not cover the vaccination, the cost of vaccination at UML is \$90.

## Highlights from the UML Police Log

### Friday, September 19, 2003

- 1:09 am Suspicious activity on University Ave. bridge.
- 1:25 am Report of a possible fight in front of Bourgeois Hall.
- 11:37 am Elevator entrapment in Olsen Hall. 2 occupants stuck in elevator #2. Occupants removed safely.
- 4:37 pm Emergency phone activation at Concordia Hall. Officer checked, no problems.
- 7:41 pm Stolen bicycle from Bourgeois Hall.
- 9:33 pm Report of golf balls being hit in IPI lot.
- 10:07 pm Investigated larceny under \$250 in Rec Center.
- 11:19 pm Assisted LPD at 103 University Ave. for large party.

### Saturday, September 20, 2003

- 1:21 am Report of male attempting to get into windows on ground floor of Sheehy Hall.
- 1:49 am Transported one male to Fox Hall from Sheehy. Person was involved in entering Sheehy through the window.
- 2:01 am Called Trinity to assess male in Bourgeois Hall who was unresponsive.
- 2:15 am Arrested Joseph Courchaine of Tewksbury on three counts of malicious destruction of property over \$250 in Eames lot.
- 3:51 am Reported damage to motor vehicle. Transported two females from Leitch Hall to Perkins Street lot.
- 4:50 am Two parking gates broken in Lovejoy lot.
- 6:23 pm Opened Lydon Library for student who was locked out with his belongings inside.
- 7:53 pm Investigated damage to motor vehicle in Eames lot.
- 8:31 pm Burglary alarm tripped in Lydon Library. Students still in building.

### Sunday, September 21, 2003

- 1:18 am Assisted Lowell PD for loud party on Gershom Ave. Told to quiet down.
- 1:46 am Motor vehicle lockout in Brewery lot.
- 2:15 am Assisted Lowell PD with fight on Central Street.
- 2:33 am One Male broke window and stole cash register at 8 Merrimack St. Arrested Bryan McCarthy, 30 of Lowell for Breaking and Entering with intent to commit a felony, malicious destruction over \$250, larceny from building, receiving stolen property over \$250 and resisting arrest.
- 4:14 pm Received emergency notification from Bourgeois.
- 9:16 pm Checked call box outside of Donahue.
- 11:32 pm Students on 3rd floor roof of Fox Hall. Told to quiet down.

### Monday, September 22, 2003

- 1:15 am Loud party at 161 University Ave. Party warned to keep quiet.
- 1:46 am Suspicious activity in Sheehy Park. Jacob Palo (male), 27 of Lowell arrested and charged with operating with a suspended license, drug possession and giving a false name to an officer. Jeannette Marrero (female), 26 of Lowell in custody for multiple drug charges.
- 7:24 am Ball Hall 3rd floor snack machine found open
- 9:44 am Student admitted he broke gate in Riverside lot.
- 3:47 pm Suspicious person reported on Riverside Street. Gone on arrival.
- 4:49 pm Investigated a cigarette butt container that was smoking outside Kitson.
- 6:22 pm McGauvran alarm tripped. Employee error.
- 7:09 pm Investigated natural gas odor in Durgin 203 and basement.

### Tuesday, September 23, 2003

- 2:55 am Suspicious person by Sheehy Hall. Arrested Matthew Couris, 35, of Lowell for drug possession.
- 3:22 am Report of possible domestic incident in Sheehy. Kristyn Lynch, 22 of Charlestown under arrest for domestic assault and battery.
- 12:30 pm Telecom contractor reporting missing equipment believed to be stolen in Leitch Hall.
- 3:56 pm Breaking and entering into motor vehicle in IPI lot.
- 6:34 pm Medical call in Bourgeois. Trinity EMS responded and transported to Saints Memorial.
- 7:08 pm Told people in Cushing Field Complex to leave area.
- 11:44 pm Suspicious person reported on University Ave.

### Wednesday, September 23, 2003

- 2:36 am Suspicious motor vehicle in Olsen lot. Towed vehicle.
- 2:46 pm Motor vehicle accident in Riverside lot.
- 6:37 pm Water leak in McGauvran women's room.
- 8:08 pm Suspicious activity on VFW Highway.
- 10:01 pm Parking problem in Eames lot. Car ticketed.
- 11:55 pm Motor vehicle stop. Checked on status of car with heavily smoking engine.

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# Over two hundred attend Chomsky's talk

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mafia boss who uses violence and fear to keep subordinates in check.

The content of the discussion was serious in nature, but Chomsky had highly sarcastic undertones. Among other things, Chomsky contended that Americans are more afraid of aliens than any other country. Often times Chomsky was forced to wait for the laughter to die down before he could continue speaking. He was asked about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and assigned blame to both sides, saying there is an "escalating cycle of violence" that will not end unless terrorism on both sides is responded to with "respect and not violence."

A significant portion of the talk was focused on the upcoming presidential election and the different ways politicians

get Americans to vote for a particular candidate. He claimed that the most effective way they do this is by avoiding the real issues and "focusing on the marginal issues." This way Americans are forced to vote for a candidate's character and not his or her platform. This process is part of a larger "technique of control" that politicians and businesses use to control Americans, Chomsky said. Arguably the most intriguing statement made by Chomsky was when he said that education trains people to "blindly follow authority and to not think."

People in the audience had mixed opinions about his speech.

Lisa Anjelo, a UMass Lowell junior majoring in American Studies, felt Chomsky's speech was informative and insightful. "I enjoyed his view, and step back and look at America from less of a

patriotic view," remarked Anjelo.

Professor James Graham Eagle, chair of the Mathematical Sciences Department, said "Mr. Chomsky didn't give any solution, any fix." John Aleksander, a freshman majoring in Political Science argued, "His solution is education, and by educating, he was enacting his solution."

The formal discussion with Chomsky, one of the world's most highly recognized critics of American foreign policy, came to an end at 3:40 pm after a 2pm start. The event was followed by a brief personal meeting during which people shook his hand and had pictures taken with him.



Photo courtesy: Richard Sherburne  
Chomsky poses with members of the Peace and Conflict Studies group.

## 'Shoddy' work causes bus stop to be re-built

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the schools of the University of Massachusetts system since 2001. The cuts have already caused a first-semester increase in student fees, and another increase will follow this spring. All this has many students asking why fees will have risen twice by the end of this year when the school seems to have plenty of money to spend on construction.

The bus stop on South Campus was rebuilt in the summer of 2002. This first attempt to remodel the stop was part of the landscaping, lighting, and general repair work that amounted to \$875,000, according to Special Assistant for Economic Development Diana Prideaux-Brune. She also said that the money for this job "came from the money that the state legislature borrowed from the state capitol in 1995 for construction."

However, the same stop was modified again in the summer of 2003, and some students are wondering why.

"Why did they have to rip the whole thing up?" asked sophomore Communications major Amanda Barresi. "It should have been done right the first time," she added.

This is exactly how UMass Lowell Construction Supervisor John Belanger

feels about the bus stop project. Belanger said that the job was simply not completed in a satisfactory manner the first time in 2002. "The original contractor did not do it to our liking. It was basically done shoddy," says Belanger, adding that there were some physical problems with the stop.

However, the money for the 2003 construction on the stop did not come from the university's funds. The contractor responsible for the work on the bus stop in 2002 was forced by the administration to remodel the stop in 2003. The contractor spent somewhere between \$15,000 to \$20,000 on the newest rendition, and Belanger assured students that none of their money was spent on it.

The new granite floor in Cumnock Hall, reportedly costing around \$50,000, was purchased and arrived from Asia just in time for William Bulger's resignation ceremony in August.

Dean of Students Thomas Taylor said that the new floor in Cumnock was part of the renovation plans for the campus this year all along. The problem, he said, was that "the supplies did not arrive on schedule." Prideaux-Brune stated that the supplies needed to complete the floor were over four months late in arriving at

the university.

With the floor being only half-finished, it was decided that the floor would be temporarily completed with part of the old floor before Bulger's resignation, which explains the crack in the middle of the floor.



Photo credit: Robert Harris Blatt

Prideaux-Brune said, "The floor should be finished in the next few weeks." She also added that the remaining repairs on the floor will be completed, as the bus stop was,

"at contractor's cost" due to the delays. According to Prideaux-Brune, none of the money for the floor has come from the students.

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Thursday, September 24, 2003

12:51 am Welfare check on one male on Pawtucket St.  
2:09 am Suspicious activity on VFW Highway and University Ave.  
2:54 am Motor vehicle stop. Issued citation for unregistered, uninsured motorcycle.  
7:19 am Lowell PD requested an assist on an arrest for violation of restraining order in Smith Hall. Person warned off campus.  
9:05 am Towed students parked in faculty Lovejoy lot.  
10:08 am Started to tow motor vehicles on Pawtucket St. behind Durgin, owner came out and moved car.  
11:40 am Towed abandoned vehicle in Lovejoy lot.  
12:05 pm Motor vehicle stop. Warned about driving over tonnage truck across University Ave bridge.  
2:43 pm Yellow SUV playing loud music in front of Fox Hall. Told driver to turn it down.  
3:02 pm Motor vehicle accident in front of Olsen Hall. No injuries.  
5:06 pm Kids throwing rocks in Cushing field. Gone on arrival.  
9:04 pm Motor vehicle stop. Citation issued for speed violation.  
11:02 pm Towed vehicles from Durgin Hall.  
11:37 pm Fire alarm at East Meadow Lane.

Police log compiled by Steve Athanas

## Flood damages Coburn Hall and the History Department

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ing," Cheney said.

Although it is the first widely known flood, this activity in Coburn Hall is no stranger to LaRivee, who has been working in Coburn 300 since 2001. She said it was widely known there was a leak in the roof for years. LaRivee was working in Coburn over the summer when torrential downpours caused part of the roof to fall in. The hole in the hallway between rooms 304 and 306 that resulted has still yet to be fixed. Summer session classes in their last week were cancelled because of leaking water, fear

of electrical damage, and a pungent smell that reached as far as the parking lot. Rooms flooded on the Wednesday after the roof fell in. LaRivee called the physical plant and was referred to different departments. "Half the effort is keeping up with the damage," LaRivee commented.

Cheney is worried about the affects the rain is having on Coburn Hall. The oldest building on the campus, Coburn is rich with historical importance and could be in danger. Ceilings are beginning to slope, wooden structures such as banisters and walls are being damaged, and the health risk of

mold and mildew has Coburn waving a warning flag.

Cheney and LaRivee showed great concern for the well being of the departments in Coburn. Technical equipment such as computers, film projectors and their screens, and televisions are stored in the building. Continual difficulties with water and mildew could lead to the loss of these items.

"They should not have waited until now," Cheney declared. "This should have been done when there were no students [in the building]." Roofers are scheduled to arrive in two weeks as Coburn Hall may be running out of time.



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## OPINIONS &amp; LETTERS

## Alternative Student Living

Amy Tourville  
UML Student

Your four years of College are supposed to be the most exciting, fun years of your life. Whoever told me that years ago forgot to also inform me about the cost of school, books, and housing.

I am a commuter here at UMass Lowell partly due to the fact that dorming would be too expensive and living at home would save me money. Many students I'm sure has had to make the same sacrifice, in order to save money for themselves and their parents. Students unable to dorm should consider looking for an apartment around the campus area.

It is difficult for students to find apartment housing in Lowell for a decent price, but it isn't impossible! Around and near both campuses are apartments that landlords specifically rent out to students. However, by this time of the year most of those apartments are rented out. The best way to find a decent apartment around campus is to call a retail agency. Some in the area are Universal Property Management and Real Time Management. Both companies work with landlords around the Lowell area and can help find you the perfect apartment. You can contact either of these companies through newspaper ads in the Lowell Sun, or you can visit Universal Property Management's website at [www.universalproperty-management.com](http://www.universalproperty-management.com).

Most decent apartments cost more than \$800 and have two or more bedrooms. That is around the lowest price I have found during my research this last month. Renting an apartment is a wonderful choice of housing for college students especially near campus. The best way to look for a good place is through newspaper ads and contacting a retail agency that will help you find an affordable nice place to live. It can be cheaper than dorming and you have more freedom and truly enjoy your four years here at UMass Lowell!

## The High Life: Madden Madness

Michael Luciano  
Connector Columnist

There are addictions and then there are addictions. Smoking, gambling, and alcohol are often addictions; but Madden, as in the video game named for the former Oakland Raiders coach and Monday Night Football commentator, has millions of young American males wired to the point where we as a society must seriously consider developing a rehabilitation program for these people. I should know; I live with a Madden junkie who experiences cruel and painful withdrawals.

Don't think it can't happen to you. In fact, you might already be an addict and you just don't know it. Not sure? Well maybe I can help you figure it out.

You know you're a Madden junkie when...

...you put stick-em on your hands before playing each game.

...after losing a game to your friend, you vow to never speak to him again because he had his quarterback take a knee on the last play of the game.

...while assembling a custom team you smoke a joint to celebrate your acquisition of Randy Moss.

...you play each game with a red flag in your pocket.

...you write a letter to Charlie Weiss asking him to be your

offensive coordinator.

...during sex with your girlfriend you say in a stern voice, "Who's your Madden?"

...you're able to average more than two yards per carry with Antowain Smith.

...during mid January you play against the Packers in Green Bay and leave all the windows open to replicate the weather at Lambeau Field.

...you are somehow fined for criticizing officials.

...instead of waiting in line at the dining hall, you juke and spin-move your way to the front.

...your girlfriend cheats on you but you don't dump her in order to avoid a cap penalty.

...you ask one of your professors if the difficulty level of your midterm will be "All Pro" or "All Madden."

...you slam your video game controller on the ground, smashing it to pieces because you lost to the Bengals. (True story)

...after winning the Superbowl, you present yourself with a tinfoil replica of the Lombardi Trophy.

...you attribute your defense's poor play to bad team chemistry.

...after getting back an exam with a good grade on it, you perform a touchdown dance in front of the class, and high-step out of the room.

...before playing a season with the Vikings, you replace the car-

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## No Network, Not New Network

Derek Oetinger  
UML Student

Most everyone on campus has heard of the "improvements" that have been made to the Smith Hall network. For those who don't know what has happened, over the break the Telecommunications department basically gutted the entire building and replaced all the wiring with CAT6 cable and brand new switches on every floor. What an awesome thing for Smith Hall, right? Everything must be way faster, or at least somewhat better.. Well that isn't the case.

The internet itself is no faster than it was in Smith last year, or any other building this year. Everyone here

understands that there is only so much bandwidth for everyone to connect to outside with, but the slow internet isn't what is upsetting residents. It is the fact that people can't even play games with their neighbors who live right across the hall. People with XBoxes who should be able to play a game seamlessly are so frustrated that they have resorted to running patch cables down the hallway. I feel like most that this is ridiculous.

Brand new wiring and switches and you still can't even play a simple game! It was better before with the old wiring. Telecom could just limit the bandwidth coming into the building and let the flow inside the building go unrestricted. I don't understand why the school would bother upgrading a

whole building at great expense when it isn't even going to be utilized.

Why spend all that money and then dumb down the network to a point where it is not usable for the people who live there. Telecom in the past has claimed ignorance to network problems and issues that are important to residents on campus. I encourage everyone who has any problem not to "just accept it". Let Telecom know about it and write to the *Connector* about it!

One improvement I do have to give Telecom credit for is the fact that the network has not gone down once this semester. So, they are making some headway, but still not giving us the service that should be expected from them.



# Tales of a Seventeenth Grade Nothing Get Involved or Get Out

Robert Harris Blatt  
*Connector Columnist*

No e-mails in the que this week, so I'll assume that no one read last week's column. If you do have a question for me, complaint, argument, or praise, send them my way and not just to your friends. [seventeenth-grade@yahoo.com](mailto:seventeenth-grade@yahoo.com)

Anyway, this week I'd like to address why you are not active on campus. Read "you" as most of the student body.

As part of your tuition you pay for the budget of all the clubs on campus, which in turn make an attempt to make your experience at UML as memorable as you're willing to make it. I'm sure that when you eventually graduate (if you're going to graduate let's not fool anyone here) you'll pick up a yearbook and no doubt not remember being at any of the events that are listed there as happening. Who knows you might actually enjoy hanging out with your peers and making friends. Hey but who am I to say that your 30 Keystones aren't all enough friends.

It doesn't take much to get involved on campus. However, let me clarify that simply being an RA is not being involved on campus. There are plenty of people who are RAs that simply want a free ride and don't give a lick about the betterment of this campus or their floor. Room and board is appealing, are they not? But simply being in charge of the behavior of 20-30 students is not being involved. Stop owning your own building and start owning your own school. I'm not going to tolerate hear-

ing anyone complain that there is nothing to do on campus who is not involved with a student organization. Interested in concerts? Join the V-Pac, the Activities Commission, you don't have to be the president, just go and voice your opinion as a student. How is Activities Commission going to know that I want Andrew W.K. to play at Southfest if I don't tell them? How will they know that I want to see Henry Rollins speak in Durgin Hall? They're not gonna know unless I say something.

Like underground music you think other people should hear? Join WJUL, their meetings are Wednesday nights. Like playing a specific sport but don't possess the athletic prowess to actually be good at it? Get some friends together and make an intramural team. I'm no good at basketball, but it didn't stop me from playing on a team and losing 101-7 at one game. Like to play role-playing games and the like? Join the Masters Gaming Connection. Like to be a leader and initiate change first-hand at the University? Join the Student Government. Like sports and want to write about them? Join the Connector.

Get out there and do something. There is no reason for me to listen to you complain about nothing to do. It's like someone who never gets laid and always complains about it but never goes out to meet anyone. What's the worst thing that can happen? At the end of the day you go back to your room and you're no better or worse off than when you started.

What's Superman's new movie called? Superman gets a great parking spot.

## HIGH LIFE, from pg 4

peting in your room with Astroturf so you can get the feel of it before your first game in the Metrodome.

...you invite Chris Berman to your house to commentate on your franchise draft.

...you get turned on every time Melissa Stark says "strained oblique."

...you attribute a slew of your players' injuries to improper stretching technique.

...during a particularly difficult exam you demand that the

professor allow you to "ask Madden."

...you break an NFL record and call Sports Almanac hoping it will be in next year's edition.

...while on defense during a critical down in your flag football game, you raise your arms in an attempt to pump up the crowd even though no one's watching.

...you have a sign on the wall above your television that says "In Madden We Trust."

## What the Photo?!

Editor's note:

"What the Photo?!" is a feature the *Connector* will be running regularly highlighting some of the beautiful deficiencies of logic on the UMass Lowell campus. If you know of something that doesn't make much sense on campus, ideas and suggestions for photos are encouraged at [connector@uml.edu](mailto:connector@uml.edu) or send an Instant Message to "UMLConnector"



Photo credit: Robert Harris Blatt

**What:** The "Handicapped" parking space

**Where:** In front of Sheehy Hall

**What's Wrong?** By law, a parking space needs to have both a sign and a painted marking. While there is no sign and the painted handicapped marking has been blacked out the campus police continue to ticket cars that park in that space.

NOTE: Last week's "what the photo" was corrected by the school by moving the bus stops back to where they belong. However the gift from the class of 1974 still remains where the bus stops were being temporarily "stored".

## SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Independent University Alumni Association at Lowell (IUAAL) is offering scholarships to deserving students.

Students who wish to apply for the IUAAL Scholarships should stop by the Alumni Association Office in the Alumni Memorial Library Building on North Campus, Financial Aid Office, each Deans office and Department Heads office to pick up an application.

Scholarships will be awarded in February for the second semester.

Applications must be returned to the Alumni Association Office in the Alumni Memorial Library building second floor, by November 26, 2003.

### GRANTS

The Alumni Association has set aside money to fund a Development grant Program. Application forms and criteria for applying for a grant are available from the IUAAL office in the Alumni Memorial Library building on North Campus.

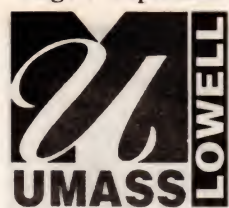
Briefly, any Academic Department, Instructor, or Student Group at the University of Massachusetts Lowell may apply. Grants will generally not exceed \$2500. per application. For more information please contact the Alumni Office at 978-454-6335.

## Have an opinion? Write the Connector!

Letters must be less than 500 words and be submitted in a word document.

We can refuse a letter based on community standards. It must have your name on it for verification.





# CAMPUS CALENDAR

To add your event here, e-mail [connector@uml.edu](mailto:connector@uml.edu), attn: Calendar Editor

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>30</b>  <b>Connector Meeting</b> 6pm @ McG 347  <b>International Relations Club</b> 445pm @ CO B9	<b>1</b>  <b>AA Meeting</b> 12pm - 1pm @ McG 410  <b>Ski &amp; Snowboard Club</b> <i>General Interest Meeting</i> 8pm @ CRC Meeting Room	<b>2</b>  <b>Breaking Open the Bible</b> @ 4pm (meets in front of Leitch Hall)  <b>Professional Practice Interview Day</b> @ SO 200	<b>3</b>  Volleyball @ Queen's College 7pm	<b>4</b>  <b>Ice Hockey vs. St. Francis Xavier</b> @ 7pm
	Happy Birthday Mom and Bobby!!! -- Love Justin					
<b>5</b>  <b>Catholic Mass</b> 7pm @ Fox MPR  <b>Protestant Service</b> 630pm @ Fox 501	<b>6</b>  <b>Spectrum</b> 330pm @ McG 230  <b>Pre-Law Advising w/ Prof. Burke</b> 1-2pm @ FA 302  <b>Sojourn Meeting</b> 3-5pm @ McG 355	<b>7</b>  <b>Connector Meeting</b> 6pm @ McG 347  <b>International Relations Club</b> 445pm @ CO B9	<b>8</b>  <b>AA Meeting</b> 12pm - 1pm @ McG 410  <b>Women's Soccer vs. Pace University</b> @ 4pm	<b>9</b>  <b>Breaking Open the Bible</b> @ 4pm (meets in front of Leitch Hall)  <i>Field Hockey @ Merrimack College 330pm</i>	<b>10</b>  <b>Your event could be here.</b>  <b>E-mail: connector@uml.edu</b>	<b>11</b>  If you are interested in joining the Lebanese American Association contact: <b>UML_LAA@yahoo.com</b>

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 Calendar Listings are FREE when space is available. To better ensure your listing's placement, get info in as soon as possible (two weeks, at least) by e-mailing [connector@uml.edu](mailto:connector@uml.edu)

## BIG APPLE GETAWAY

The UML Activities Commission invites you to a weekend getaway to New York City.

*November 14-16, 2003*

The Marriott Marquis, located in the heart of Times Square, will provide accommodations with coach bus transportation to and from UMass Lowell.

Price is per person and includes 2 nights stay, room taxes and transportation.

*Double Occupancy room \$280 per person*

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Payment and registration dates are as follows:

**Friday, October 10, 2003**

**Friday, October 24, 2003**

**\*\*Friday, November 7, 2003\*\***

**\*\*FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE IN\*\***

*Registration forms and payment location is the Office of Student Activities, Student Centers and Commuter Services, McGauvran Rm 224.*

*For more information call Pascha @ Student Activities x5001.*

## IMPORTANT news for the UML REGISTRATION NATION!!

Be sure and check the Registrar's Office website: [www.uml.edu/admin/registrar](http://www.uml.edu/admin/registrar) for ...

**Class times**

**Classroom assignments**

**Corrected Academic Calendar**

**Graduation deadlines (Seniors only)**

**CORRECTIONS!** (wicked important ones, too!)

**Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans' Day - University is CLOSED!**

**Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> is a WEDNESDAY schedule (not a Monday schedule).**

**Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> is the LAST day to withdraw from a course with a grade of "W".**

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# Arts and Entertainment

## The Shelf:

### New CD releases for this week:

**Dido**  
Life for Rent

**Sting**  
Sacred Love

**Bette Midler**  
Bette Midler Sings The  
Rosemary Clooney  
Songbook

**Lyle Lovett**  
My Baby Don't Tolerate

**Martina McBride**  
Martina

**Various Artists**  
Buffy The Vampire  
Slayer: Radio Sunnydale

**Jethro Tull**  
The Jethro Tull  
Christmas Album

**Donna Summer**  
The Journey: The Very  
Best of Donna Summer

**Alice Cooper**  
The Eyes of Alice Cooper

### New DVD releases for this week:

**Scarface (Widescreen  
Anniversary Edition)**

**The Adventures of  
Robin Hood (Two-Disc  
Special Edition)**

**Dawson's Creek - The  
Series Finale  
(Extended Cut)**

**Bend It Like Beckham  
(Widescreen Edition)**

**2 Fast 2 Furious  
(Widescreen Edition)**

**The Treasure of the  
Sierra Madre (Two-  
Disc Special Edition)**

**The Who - The Kids  
Are Alright (Special  
Edition)**

**Barbie of Swan Lake  
(no, its not what  
you're thinking...its  
actually NOT porn.)**

**What to take your  
date to this week  
instead of talking to  
them:**

### School of Rock

Dewy Finn (Jack Black)  
gets the boot from his  
(continued on page 8)

## Skatefest in Worcester



Homegrown, above and below.

credit: Kara Baker



Kara Baker  
Connector Staff

Skatefest, an annual two-day festival, combining music and skating events was held last weekend at the Worcester Palladium.

The Friday night music showcase consisted of a number of Drive-Thru Records bands, including Senses Fail, Allister, Home Grown, The Early November, and The Starting Line. While local favorites Big D and the Kids Table made an appearance as well.

With their catchy ska sound and energetic stage presence, Big D kicked off the evening portion

of the show. They were followed by The Early November, an afro-coiffed group of melodic rockers. Their set dragged a bit, and slowed things down; however, goth-punkers, Senses Fail, soon took over, and regained the audience's attention. Yet, it was Home Grown

**"it was Home Grown who truly stole the show."**

who truly stole the show. The Orange County punkers got the crowd jumping with "I Love You, Not." The message within this cynical tune seemed to resonate well with the audience, as they sang along, "You're moving fast/Don't get attached/I think you're hot, but I love you not." The band changed things up with the uplifting anthem "You're Not Alone," but the vibe quickly switched back to fun-loving and sarcastic as the boys broke into, "Kiss me, Diss Me," the title pretty much implying the song's message.

Following Home Grown was the Starting Line. Most of the crowd really seemed to

dig them. Never having seen them live, I can't say that I was impressed.

Overall, Saturday was a much better show. Wait in eager anticipation for Mike Ellison's review next week. No really, just wait for it.



## Drexel's incredible last show

Kevin Hakansson  
Connector Staff

This past Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, the crowd gathered at T.T. The Bear's in Cambridge witnessed a little bit of history. Boston local Drexel was headlining the show. Why, you ask was this a piece of history? The reason is that this would be Drexel's last show. After seven years of consistently raising the bar for local bands with their genre transcending rock, the band was hanging it up.

Random Acts of Violence opened up the night with a blistering set of a blend of punk and metal. That may sound like a weird combination, but it rocked. Digger played next. I unfortunately did not catch their set, with the exception of the last song, and that song wasn't

that great.

Kicked In The Head was the third band of the night. This is where the nostalgia started kicking in and the Drexel love-fest began. KITH has been playing with Drexel since both bands started out back in the mid-90s. The band was clearly excited and emotional to be playing on this night, and it showed. They showed about as much energy as I have ever seen them play with. They were truly letting it all out on the line to say thank you and good bye to Drexel. The only thing that disappointed me was their lack of older material, particularly at this nostalgic show. No matter, they played great.

Kicked In The Head was done,

and Drexel hit the stage. Their set was raucous, raw, and emotional right from the get-go. They immediately showed why I like them so much: their diversity. They played old and new material throughout the night,

**"...you could tell by the looks on the faces of the band that they were in awe of this outpouring of love."**

but that does not begin to describe how they mix things up. Drexel started out years ago playing pretty basic pop-

punk, but through the years, have brought very distinct influences of experimental rock and hardcore into their music, making themselves very unique.

The outpouring of emotion throughout the show was incredible. Guitarist/singer Marc Flynn spent a good portion of the night on the microphone thanking everyone, and I mean

everyone. T.T.'s, the other bands, people they've played in bands with before, their parents, their friends, the crowd; they all got thanked. The audience was even more grateful than the band. A chant of "We love Drexel!" late in the set was one of the most memorable concert experience I have been a part of, and you could tell by the looks on the faces of the band that they were in awe of this outpouring of love.

This was truly a night to remember. If you were at the show, you know what I'm talking about. For you Drexel fans that didn't get to attend, you really missed out. Furthermore, if you never got a chance to hear Drexel, it's too bad you missed them, but by all means, pick up one of their albums.

Thanks for a great good-bye Drexel; you'll be missed.



## The Shelf:

(contd from prev page)

band and has to face debt and depression. He takes a job at a 4th grade substitute teacher, and tries to enlist a 9-year-old guitar prodigy to help him win some cash and respect at the battle of the bands. Even if everything about this movie sucks, Jack Black is still funny.

### Out of Time

Chief of Police Matt Whitlock (Densel Washington) has to solve a double homicide before he is blamed. He must stay ahead of everyone he trusted and even his own force to crack the case. Supposedly its supposed to be good, so go see it and then write about it for me.

### Nine Dead Gay Guys

Ok, this makes no sense. Two Irish gay guys prostitute themselves out to older British gentlemen until one of them screws a geezer to death. The they look for a mythical mattress full of cash. I'm sure you're wondering too: What the hell is going on here?!

### Top Ten Albums in the country:

- 1.) **DMX**  
Grand Champ
- 2.) **A Perfect Circle**  
Thirteenth Step
- 3.) **Erykah Badu**  
World Wide Underground
- 4.) **John Mayer**  
Heavier Things
- 5.) **Hilary Duff**  
Metamorphosis
- 6.) **Beyonce**  
Dangerously In Love
- 7.) **Thursday**  
War All The Time
- 8.) **Alan Jackson**  
Greatest Hits Volume II  
And Some Other Stuff
- 9.) **Sheek Louch**  
Walk Witt Me
- 10.) **Bubba Sparxxx**  
Deliverance

Compiled by Tim Brault

# CD reviews for short attention spans



Photo by Danny Clinch

## Paloalto Heroes and Villains

Frank J. Borelli  
Connector Staff

After a three-year layoff, Paloalto is back with their sophomore album "Heroes and Villains." The Los Angeles based quartet's new disc is full

of introspective lyrics, heartache, and good ol' fashioned crunchy post grunge guitar riffs. This effort is a real joy for emo fans out there who like to hear singers that moan about love, going away to college, and how to deal with the ever-changing social scene. Vocalist James Grundler has a knack for writing meaningful lyrics and arranging the backing music to make the disc even more depressing, even utilizing a string section during

three cuts.

Overall this offering is a good attempt, but it seems that Grundler's songwriting ability only showed up for a quarter of the album. Having Rick Rubin at the helm of this project should have helped, but aside from four or five tracks, the rest are pretty forgettable. If its comfort you're looking for, pick up this CD and maybe you will feel better. If you can go it alone and not cry about it, leave it on the shelf.

## O.A.R. In Between Now and Then

Kevin Hakansson  
Connector Staff

Think of some sort of combination of The Wailers and Dave Matthews Band, and you get O.A.R. (Of A Revolution). O.A.R. combines genuine folk-rock with a dose of roots-rock reggae to produce a fairly original and very eclectic sound. After releasing

several D.I.Y. records on their own record label, Everfine, they teamed up with Lava Records early this past summer to release *In Between Now and Then*.

As I said, O.A.R. has a very eclectic sound, and proved it on this album. The songs on the album range from rocking anthems like the hit "Hey Girl," to heartfelt folk songs like "James," to the chill reggae vibe of "Dareh Meyod," with a number of other songs blending all of these elements.

If you want a CD to just kick back and relax to (not to mention a bonus DVD!), then go pick up this album.

Now!



Photo by Chapman Baehler



Photo from the album cover

## No Good Gameday, PBB

Sarah Hodgdon  
Connector Staff

When I first listened to this CD, I really thought it was just another group complaining about some ghetto they were lucky enough to escape—subject matter such as being a player, pimping hoes, dropping ecstasy, getting high, gang

shootings, and the ever-popular bling bling is nothing new to any of you reading this right now. The "Intro" really pissed me off with the words "no good" repeated in different voices and tones through a mixer for more than two minutes. I would get the same result gouging my eye out with a spoon. However, by the third track of the album, "Ballin' Boy," rappers T-Nasty and Mr. Fatal begin to show what they are capable of.

So what makes No Good different from other rappers? Style,

such as a high-school-band-meets-Barney melody at the beginning of "Player-Player," which incorporates instruments playing "Do Re Mi" into an old-school rap. I was impressed. No Good proved to me that they aren't the love child of Eminem and 50 Cent, much to all the ladies' dismay. They are a group that can hold their own in the world of music. An impressive collaboration of stylistic rap, this album is a must have for rap followers. Word!

## The Used Maybe Memories

Kara Baker  
Connector Staff

If you're looking for an album to slit your wrists to, The Used's "Maybe Memories" is a good choice. Overflowing with anger and emotion, Bert McCracken's vocals intertwine perfectly with the dark, heavy, metal-punk the rest of the band provides.

There are two solid cuts on this record, "Just a Little," and "Sometimes I Just Go for It." However, it's mostly a collection of live tunes, put together to appease fans for the band's next release. The first commendable track is one that was originally recorded for their debut. Beginning with slow percussion, it then breaks into a hard-hitting, melodic anthem, which keeps listeners' fingers hovering over their skip buttons. The latter is a piano piece, written by McCracken that was never

intended to be released. It has a tinge of the maudlin and melancholy, and is also quite different from what fans are used to hearing from this band.

Die-hard fans will be pleased with the accompanying DVD, which contains videos for the singles, "A Box Full of Sharp Objects," "The Taste of Ink," and "Buried Myself Alive." The DVD also includes an entire concert performance that was recorded live in Los Angeles last March.



Photo by Justin Borucki

## Saves The Day In Reverie

Kevin Hakansson  
Connector Staff

On "In Reverie," Saves The Day went for something new. It didn't work. This album is a journey into an indie-rock type sound, as opposed to their previous albums, which have typically featured a great variety of punk songs, rock songs, and slower emotional ballads. Regardless of what their older material sounds like, this album still gets a thumbs down in my book. The album

is fairly monotonous, with each track resembling the next. One of the album's finest tunes is "She," an acoustic love song that features some very nice backing vocals. The first single off the album, "Anywhere With You," does feature some nifty retro guitar licks. But, on this track and throughout the album, lead singer Chris Conley does not nearly show any vocal versatility, which contributes heavily to the monotony of the album. As much as I like Saves The Day, I'm afraid this album fell very short of my expectations.

## Sir Mix Alot Daddy's Home

Andy Anderson  
Connector Editor

Sir Mix A Lot's sixth album, "Daddy's Home," fails to capture the magic he brought us all with "Baby Got Back." This record falls far short of being worth the twelve dollars that the record stores will be charging you to buy it, nor is it worth the time and energy that is needed for you to download and listen to it. Songs like "Big Johnson" and "Big Ho" actually stir up feelings of embarrassment and remorse.

Embarrassment because the music is so bad and remorse because you just wasted an hour of your life that will never be returned. The back cover of the album boasts "Sir Mix-A-Lot delivers new material that demonstrates his growth as an artist, both musically and lyrically." This statement is a complete lie. The album proves musically that he can use a drum machine but does not have an original thought in his head, and lyrically it proves that he concentrates too much on prostitutes and the size of his "penile region." Hopefully Sir Mix A lot has not spent all of his "Baby Got Back" money because this album is a colossal failure.

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# The Fox Common

All Photos: Stephanie Lessard

This week: Blatt is the New Black, Altus,  
and The Creepy old Men  
All shows start at 8 :30 on the first floor  
of Fox Hall.

## Amateur, After the Fall, Scattered



## WJUL's Big Ben Hillman the "Professor of Funk"

This is the first installment of a weekly section on 91.5 WJUL's DJ's and their shows



Photo by Geoff Moore

**DJ Name:** Big Ben Hillman the Professor of Funk **Show Title:** Soul Power 91.5 **Time:** Wed. nights, 8-11

Playing all the best in Old School Funk, Soul, and R+B, with occasional jazz, hip-hop, and gospel, this show has been running strong since 1994 with Big Ben Hillman at the helm for the last 7 years. The Professor of Funk has had many guests on the show over the years, including the Boston Horns and Wonder Mike of the Sugar Hill Gang.

Hillman is an independent musician, composer, songwriter and producer working in and around the greater Boston area. He is a UML alum from the class of 1998 with a BM in Music Performance with an emphasis in Theory and Composition. Big Ben is a keyboardist and percussionist.

The Professor of Funk owns a production company called RJ3 productions, and is developing a record label called Broken Buddha Records. Big Ben's website is [www.rj3.net/bigbenhillman](http://www.rj3.net/bigbenhillman) and if you want more info on himself or his show, he'd love to get some emails at [bigbenhillman@rj3.net](mailto:bigbenhillman@rj3.net).

## Literary Society's open mic party

Darleen Cobb  
Connector Contributor

Please come to the open mic party for poetic fun, this Monday Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003, from 3:30 pm- 5 pm in Coburn room 205. All are invited; you can read your own original work or a favorite poem of yours. Selections from the 2003 issue of *The Offering* will be read by the authors. *The Offering* is a literary journal on the UMass Lowell campus. Copies of the 2003 edition are free at the meeting, along with free refreshments. This event is sponsored by the UML literary society, which is headed by Anthony Szczesiul. Free food and poetry, there is nothing better for cool college people like you, so come have some fun!

The Literary Society is usually a series of conferences with the English professors and a certain topic that they choose, usually about a specific author. English majors, however also have a writing concentration, and so now they are forming a Writing Society. The writing society will be headed by Mrs. Avery, and it is a series of workshops. Anyone can bring in their writing, for class, or for fun, and peer edit. There may be creative writing workshops within it also. "Writers can't complain about being bored at Lit. Society anymore, this is exactly what we needed" said Angela DeTillio. Angela is a commuter student, English major with a writing concentration. Please go to the English office to express interest, because no official meetings have been set up as of yet.

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Stop by the office and pick up an application explaining the guidelines for receiving funding.

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## STUDENT LEADER FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS

(The Office of Student Activities)

### GET THE YEAR STARTED RIGHT!!

Training Sessions for student clubs and organizations will be held:

Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

The time for all workshops is from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm and they will all be held in McGauvran 410. These workshops will cover resources and policies that student organizations should be aware of before planning any activities.

The treasurer for each club and organization that receives money from the Student Activity fee, or from the Student Government Association, or has their own account in the Student Activities Business Office, **MUST** attend ONE of these sessions.

NO requisitions for your club can be processed through the Student Activities Business Center until one officer from your club has attended one of these workshops.

Any questions, please call Janice Larson X5003.

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**Tuesday, September 30**

**Smith Dining Hall**

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**Tuesday, October 7**

**VPAC, Fox Hall**

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*Film*

**Thursday, October 16**

**Fox MPR**

**9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.**

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## Kerouac Conference at UMass Lowell

**Thursday, Oct. 2**

2 pm: Showing of *Pull My Daisy* with David Amram as host.

3-6 pm: Exhibition Opening, University Gallery - "Snapshot Poetics": Photographs by Allen Ginsberg.

7 pm: "The On the Road Typescript Scroll: Fact, Fiction, Myth," Featured Presentation by Jim Canary, Indiana University, and Matt Theado, Gardner-Webb University

**Friday, Oct. 3**

9 am: Kerouac's Poetics - Sessions include: "We Imagine That We Die", "Hang Together, Fall Apart: Kerouac's *Mexico City Blues*", and "Marks of Enlightenment?"

11 am: Ginsberg's Kaddish - Sessions include: "The Autocommunications of Kaddish", "Kaddish and Artaud", and "Bop Kabbalah: Participatory Mysticism in the Poetry of Allen Ginsberg"

[Lunch Break]

2 pm: "Kerouac's Haiku Poetics" -

Keynote speech by Regina Weinreich, editor of Jack Kerouac's *Book of Haikus*

3:15 pm: Vivid Voices- Sessions include "A Coney Island of the Canvas: Lawrence Ferlinghetti's Writings in Response to Great Paintings", "Black Beat Poet Bob Kaufman: Swinging Jazz into Poetry", "A Gnostic Reading of Gregory Corso's 'The American Way'", and "Breaking the Rule of Cool: Poetry by Women Beat Writers"

Chair and Respondent: Michael Skau, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The conference is **FREE** and open to the public. No pre-registration is necessary.

For more information, visit  
[www.uml.edu/KerouacConference](http://www.uml.edu/KerouacConference), or  
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## LOTS OF BAD MOODS?

Do you seem to be in a bad mood a lot? Feel down more than not?

Check out the information at the Depression Screening table on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Talking to the professionals there and learning the facts about depression and mood disorders can help you understand whether your moods are a normal part of life or something that needs attention.

**Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Concordia/Sheehy lobby: 10 - noon**

**Fox lobby: 3 - 5 pm**



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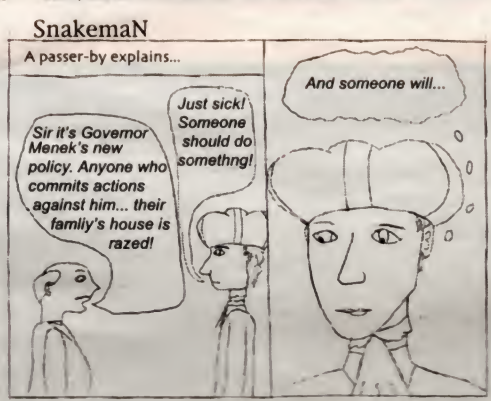
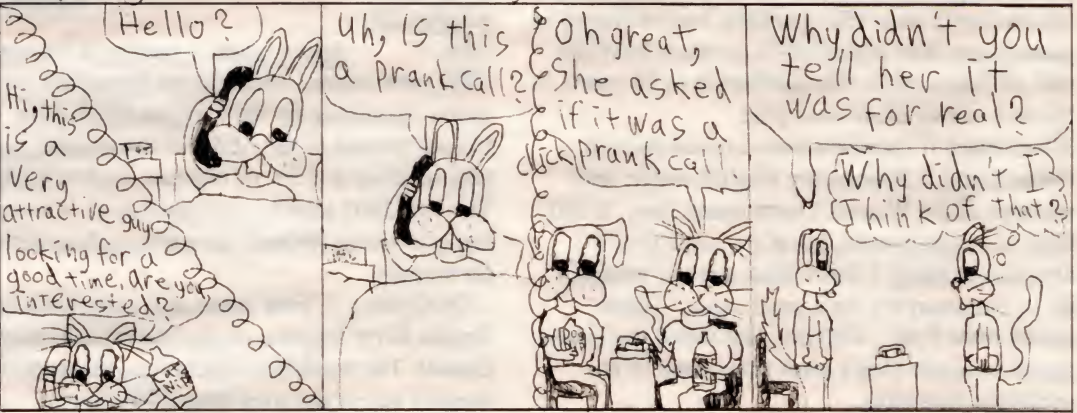
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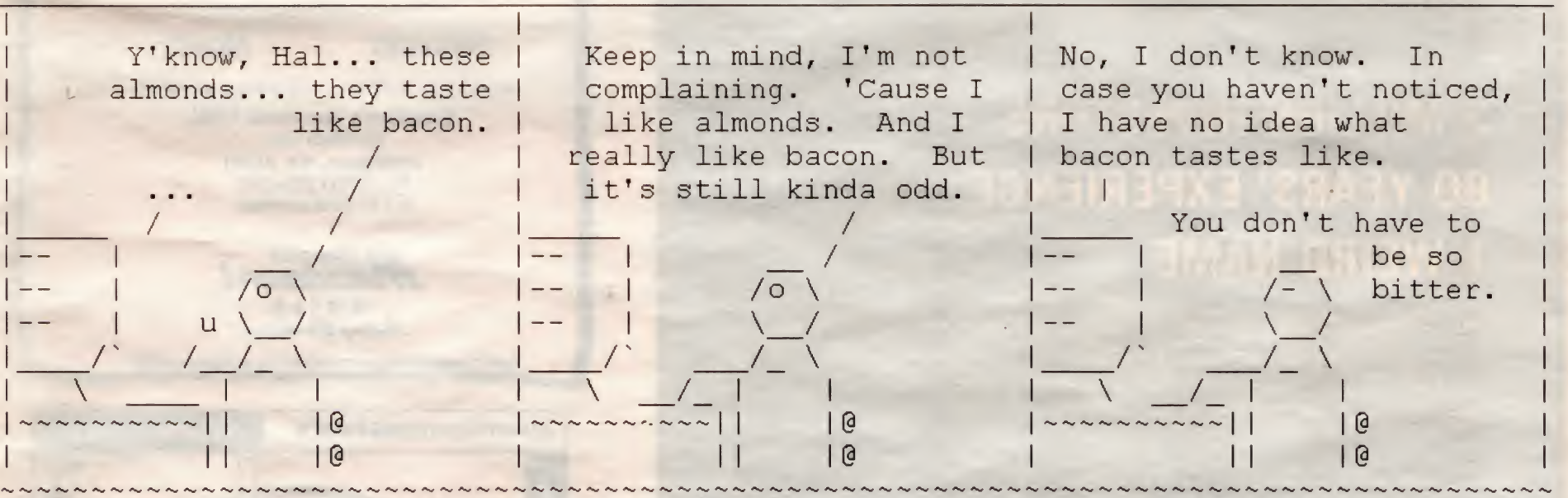
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Robert Moreau

If you didn't notice, we are thinking of changing the name of this section! Please submit your ideas for a new name for these lovely two pages that have brought humor into your otherwise dull and boring lives. Send all suggestions to Connector@uml.edu and please have the subject: COMIC SECTION NAME. The winner will be mentioned in at least one comic!

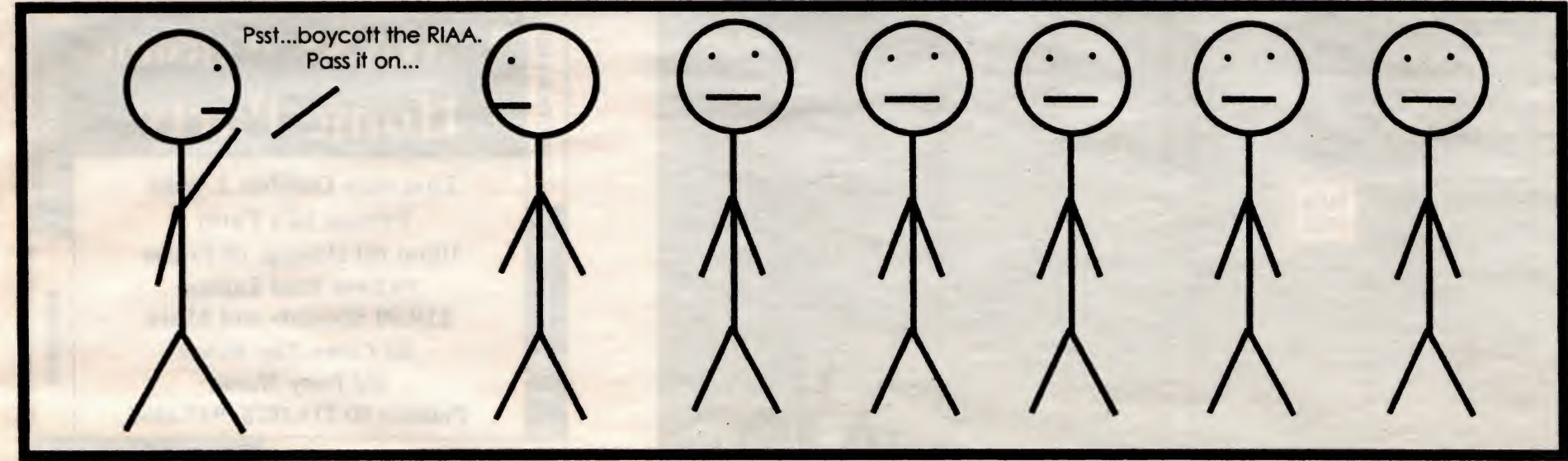
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# Alive and Well by Mike Reidy

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# UML crew teams raise money for Special Olympics

Steve Athanas  
Connector Editor

Despite their own woes, both financial and otherwise, the UMass Lowell men's and women's crew teams spent 24 hours giving back to the community.

On Tuesday, September 23, the first rower took their place on the machine and started pulling for charity, the Special Olympics to be precise. From 9:00 am on Tuesday until 9:00 am on Wednesday, members of both crew teams divided their time in half-hour or hour blocks and pulled constantly.

The Special Olympics is the organization responsible for year-round training and international athletics competition for those afflicted with mental retardation in over 150 countries, free of charge to participants. The organization sponsors over one half million athletes that participate in 26 sports in North America alone each year.

When asked if members were excited about it, Callie Flood, a Sophomore English major, and member of the Women's team stated that, "it was kind of a requirement, but at the same time it's also a team thing. I don't think anyone wouldn't do it, [because] it's for a good cause." Flood rowed from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. She stated that participants from the Men's team filled most of the overnight time slots.

During the event, the gazebo on South campus

was draped in a Special Olympics banner, and a 5-gallon water bottle was at either entrance to collect donations.

Additionally, according to Flood, members were given donations sheets and collected roughly \$20 each.

The crew teams, which are an intramural club sports, sponsored by the Campus Recreation Center, instead of the Athletics department, participate in about 4 races, or regattas, each semester. The Fall 2003 schedule is available at: [www.uml-menscrew.com](http://www.uml-menscrew.com) for men, or [www.rmchery.net/crew](http://www.rmchery.net/crew) for women.

On October 5, both teams will participate in the Textile River Regatta, on the Merrimack, here in Lowell. The boathouse that houses the team is roughly across the river from UML South.



Briona Quinn, a member of the women's team rows for charity on Tuesday, September 23.

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# RIVER HAWK STANDINGS

All standings as of September 27th

## 2003 NORTHEAST 10 VOLLEYBALL

INSTITUTION	CONF. RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
UMass Lowell	7-0	11-3
Bryant	4-0	14-4
American Intl	5-1	9-4
Bentley	3-1	9-3
St. Anselm	4-2	8-7
So. N.H.	3-3	6-4
Pace	3-3	7-6
St. Rose	2-3	9-5
Frnkln Pierce	2-4	5-6
St. Michael's	1-2	6-6
Le Moyne	1-2	4-6
Merrimack	1-3	3-12
Assumption	1-4	5-7
Stonehill	0-4	1-12
So. Conn	0-5	0-6

## 2003 NORTHEAST 10 MEN'S SOCCER

INSTITUTION	CONF. RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
Frnkln. Pierce	5-0-0	5-3-1
Bryant	5-1-0	6-3-0
So. Conn.	4-1-0	6-1-1
So. N.H.	3-2-1	5-2-2
UMass Lowell	3-1-0	4-1-2
Bentley	3-2-0	6-2-0
St. Anselm	3-2-0	6-2-0
Le Moyne	3-3-0	5-4-0
Merrimack	2-2-1	3-3-3
Assumption	2-3-1	5-4-2
American Intl	2-4-1	3-5-1
St. Michael's	1-4-0	5-4-0
Stonehill	0-5-0	1-6-1
St. Rose	0-6-0	1-6-0

## 2003 NORTHEAST 10 WOMEN'S SOCCER

INSTITUTION	CONF. RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
Merrimack	7-0-0	9-0-0
Frnkln Pierce	7-0-0	8-1-0
Bryant	5-1-1	9-1-2
Bentley	4-1-1	6-1-1
Assumption	4-2-0	8-2-0
So. N.H.	3-2-1	5-2-2
St. Rose	3-3-1	5-3-1
Pace	3-3-0	4-4-0
St. Michael's	3-4-0	6-4-0
So. Conn.	2-4-0	6-4-0
St. Anselm	1-4-0	2-4-0
UMass Lowell	1-5-0	2-5-0
American Intl	1-5-0	1-5-0
Stonehill	1-6-0	4-6-0
Le Moyne	1-6-0	1-6-0

## 2003 NORTHEAST 10 FIELD HOCKEY

INSTITUTION	CONF. RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
UMass Lowell	6-1	6-3
Bentley	6-2	10-2
Bryant	6-2	8-3
So. Conn.	6-2	7-3
Stonehill	4-3	5-4
St. Michael's	4-4	5-5
Frnkln Pierce	4-5	5-5
Assumption	3-5	4-6
Merrimack	2-4	4-4
St. Anselm	1-6	2-7
American Intl	0-8	0-10

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## Women's Soccer Falls to Bryant

Michael P. Brothers  
Connector Contributor

UMass Lowell women's soccer dropped to 1-5 (0-5 div.) after a 3-0 loss to nationally ranked Bryant College. A slow first half for the Riverhawks gave Bryant a window to take a 3-0 lead, which they would never let go of. "We didn't take advantage of our scoring opportunities, they did," said UMass Lowell coach Elie Montiero.

UML showed more life in the second half, holding Bryant's aggressive offense

scoreless, and showed signs of an offensive game of their own. "We were much more organized in the second half for sure," Montiero continued.

Having played three nationally ranked teams out of their first six games, makes for a difficult first half of the season, but Montiero is happy to see his young team playing better than previous games this year in this tough Division 2 league.

UML had 4 shots on goal and goalkeeper Darcy Hornberger had 9 saves. The Riverhawks next game is September 27th at Le Moyne College at 1:00pm.

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# THE BACK PAGE

September 30, 2003

## Field Hockey dominates Yellow Jackets

Petros hat trick pushes River Hawks over American International



Photo Credit Ken Babbitt/UML Athletic Media Relations  
Laura Petros scored her second hat trick of the season in 8-0 victory.

Trevor Slapsys  
Connector Staff

The River Hawks Field Hockey team defeated American International Yellow Jackets 8-0 Thursday night at Cushing Field. It was the sixth win in the last seven matches for the River Hawks, who improved their record to 6-2 overall and 6-1 in the Northeast 10. UML is now in a first place tie with Bryant College in the NE-10.

Forward Laura Petros would open the score in the 25th minute and then notch her second just six minutes later. Taylor Kloss and Jackie Driscoll would pick up the assists. Petros would score her third in the 43rd minute

and finish with her second hat trick of the season. Driscoll would add two goals and two assists in the contest while midfielder Joanna DaLuz added a goal and two assists.

Also playing well for the River Hawks was Forward Alysia Morgan, who had two assists, and midfielders Sara Hohenberger and Josselyn Mroz, who scored their first goals of the year. UML goalkeepers Patrice Mendoza and Nicole Staiti would split the time in net, but neither would face a shot on goal. The River Hawks had no such problem, finishing with 30 shots, 17 of them would be on goal. Megan Trystman finished with 10 saves for the Yellow Jackets, who fall to 0-9 overall and 0-7 in the NE-10.

## Volleyball shuts out So. Connecticut

Freshman outside hitter Raley leads victory over Owls

Robert Harris Blatt  
Connector Editor

In a season high game, freshman outside hitter Bridget Raley lead the River Hawk Volleyball team with 12 kills and 13 service points in a 3-0 shut out.

The Northeast-10 Conference game was held Friday, with the River Hawks over the Owls 30-19, 34-30, and 30-20. Besides Raley's kills and service points she added six digs for the team and hit 526 for the match. Setter Caitlin Harte had a season high 41 assists, and senior outside hitter Meghan Martin had a career high game with six kills and eight digs.

The victory brought the River Hawk's their second straight, and also six for their last seven. The team remained in first place going into their Saturday game against Pace University, which they

won 3-0, with the matches being 24-30, 24-30 and 21-30.

The team is on a road trip until October 30, where they play Bentley College in the Blue Fan Group game of the week.

9/23/03	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Final
Merrimack	23	23	31	21	1
UMass Lowell	30	30	30	30	3

9/26/03	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Final
So. Conn.	19	30	20	0
UMass Lowell	30	34	30	3

9/27/03	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Final
Pace	24	24	21	0
UMass Lowell	30	30	30	3

## Men's Soccer defeats Le Moyne 3-1

Trevor Slapsys  
Connector Staff

The River Hawks Men's soccer team defeated the Le Moyne Dolphins 3-1 Saturday afternoon at Cushing Field. The win places UML at 3-1-2 overall and 2-1 in the Northeast 10.

The River Hawks got off to a hot start as just two minutes into the match, UML forward Christian Figueroa sent a cross from the right corner which forward Nurradin Abdo deflected off the crossbar. He would then head in his own rebound to open the score. Le Moyne answered quickly, as just three minutes later, forward Ryan Vinciguerra fired a shot that UML goalie Bobby Ritter deflected right to forward Scott Newman.

Newman then launched a shot past Ritter into the right corner of the net. The

River Hawks would strike back in the 35th minute when midfielder Craig Lamy would get a breakaway thanks to a through ball from Figueroa. Lamy then placed a shot past Le Moyne goalkeeper Shawn Barker into the bottom right corner of the net. The goal gave Figueroa his second assist of the day and put UML ahead for good.

Midfielder Michael Cabral would add an insurance goal in the 58th minute when Barker mishandled a cross from defensemen Mike Cafeteiro, allowing Cabral to easily tap the ball in. But it would prove unnecessary as the UML defense held Le Moyne scoreless the rest of the game.

The River Hawks will try to continue their winning ways Wednesday night when they take on Southern New Hampshire University at Cushing Field.



Courtesy of UML Athletic Media Relations  
Michael Cabral scored the insurance goal in the 3-1 win

### Upcoming Games and Locations

(now you have no excuse, put down the pizza and get to a home game already)

### MEN'S SOCCER

all home games are played at the Cushing Field Complex on North Campus

Wed 10/1 @ St. Michael's 3:30 pm  
Sat 10/4 @ Franklin Pierce 3:00 pm  
Tue 10/7 @ So. Conn. 7:00 pm

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

all home games are played at the Cushing Field Complex on North Campus

Tue 9/30 vs. St. Michael's 7:00 pm  
Sat 10/4 @ Stonehill 1:00 pm  
Wed 10/8 Pace University 4:00pm



### VOLLEYBALL

all home games are played in the Costello Gymnasium on North Campus

Fri 10/3 @ Queen's College 7:00 pm  
Sat 10/4 @ LeMoyne 5:00pm  
Sun 10/5 @ St. Rose TBD

### FIELD HOCKEY

all home games are played at the Cushing Field Complex on North Campus

Sat 10/4 @ Frnkln Pierce 11:00 am  
Tue 10/7 St. Michael's 7:00 pm  
Thu 10/9 @ Merrimack 3:30 pm  
Sat 10/11 Stonehill College 1:00pm

### CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK

Sat 10/4 Keene State College Invitational@ Keene, NH

Fri 10/10 New England Championships@Franklin Park

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Sat 10/25 Northeast-10 Championships@LeMoyne

### THE BLUE FAN GROUP GAME OF THE WEEK

Women's Soccer vs. Tuesday, Sept 30 SMC - 9th Ranked  
St. Michael's College Cushing Field 7 PM UML - 12th Ranked

Go Riverhawks!